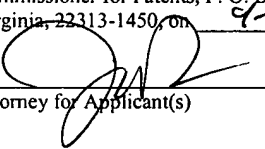


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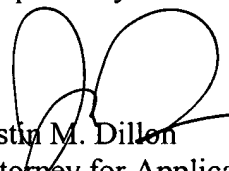
Applicant respectfully notes that no new matter has been added hereby.

CONCLUSION

Because no new matter has been added, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-referenced patent application is entitled to the original filing date of January 4, 2000. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 512-439-5097, if there are any questions.

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